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In re the Patent Application of Mearini et al.

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Title: **SUBSTRATE FIXTURE FOR HIGH-YIELD PRODUCTION OF THIN FILM
BASED DENSE WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXERS**

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned expresses appreciation for the courtesies extended during the telephone discussion with the Supervisory Patent Examiner on October 29, 2004.

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 2, 2004, and the recent telephone discussion,

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

Applicant is unable to fully respond to the Action due to the lack of clarity of the

rejections and further in view of the cumulative nature of the rejections. The MPEP

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expressly states that prior art rejections should be confined to the best available art and that cumulative rejections must be avoided. (MPEP § 706.02(I)).